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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, APRIL 20th, 1878.

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PRICE \$2 PER MONTH.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
April 17, OASSENA, German steamer, 937
Gross, Manting, 18th April, dock
Watson & Co.
April 18, HADDOON, British steamer, 277
W. P. C. Goods, Taiwansoo 13th April
Amoy 18th, Swatow 17th, General D
LAPRAK & Co.
April 18, HESPERIA, German steamer, 1,160
Pulau, Chinkiang 14th April, rice
SHEMSEY & Co.
April 18, AURORA, British steamer, 1,098
Chita, Dairen, Rangoon via Singapore
3rd April, rice — MAYER & Co.
April 18, FRIEDRICH, British steamer, 557
Humphries, Singapore 9th April, general
Chinam.
April 18, MANGORASHIRE, British bark
456, Macaborn, Nanyang 4th April
Beams — H. K. & Co.
April 19, YANGTZE, British steamer, 782
E. Schultz, from Canton, General
SHEMSEY & Co.
April 19, MAXON, British steamer, 642
Smith, Toulon 17th April, General
LANDSTEIN & Co.
April 19, MINERVA, British steamer, 1,024
Roeck, Whampoa 19th April, ballast
SHEMSEY & Co.
April 19, EMU, Spanish bark, 222, Blasco
Manila 16th April, General — HEMING
& Co.
April 19, HEDSON, American bark, 662 J.
M. Vaughan, Koko 8th March, rice
BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE ELASTIC MASTER'S OFFICE
APRIL 18th.

NORNA, British steamer, for Swatow
Tatuan, British steamer, for Swatow, &
Macau, Spanish steamer, for Macau.
Owend, British schooner, for Tientsin.
Dionne, British steamer, for Shanghai.
Pacific, German steamer, for Yap (Carolin
Islands).

DEPARTURES.

April 17, MARQUIS OF ARGYLL, Brit. bark
for Kamput, 17th April.

April 18, SAMAR, American ship, for Manila.

April 18, ALMERE, French flag-ship, for
Singapore.

April 18, LING-YENG, Chinese gunboat for a
cruise.

April 18, PARIS, British sra., for Saigon.

April 18, PAU, French steamer, for Saigon
and Macau.

April 18, MACTAN, Spanish sra., for Manila.

April 18, VOLGA, French steamer, for Yokohama.

April 18, TATUAN, British sra., for Swatow.

April 18, GROUSE, British bark, for Japan.

April 18, DROMED, Brit. sra., for Shanghai.

April 19, LEGENDARY, French steamer, for
Shanghai.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

For Hoo-Loong, sra., from East Coast —
30 Chinese.

For Cassona, sra., from Manting —
Mr. Simon Loo.

For Mysipat, sra., from Singapore, 40
Chinese.

For Pei-ho, sra., from Manila —
Mr. Thomas and 130 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

For Pei-ho, sra., for Saigon and Marseilles —
For Saigon — Messrs. Guyot, Giraud, Lemoine,
A. Denon, E. Margot, Denis Alexandre, and 6
Chinese. For Singapore — Mrs. A. P. Nicholls
For Marseilles — Mr. and Mrs. Watson, Mr. and
Mrs. Lestenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. S. Osta and
sons, Mrs. Parlo and children, Mr. Sikai and
2 children, Mr. Gorok and 2 children, and amah
Messer. Gento, Krause, Deveney, R. T. Leat
Stuhmann, Dent, Ullmann, son Dent, Mr. S. S.
Tone, Chinese giant and wife, and 1 European.
Mr. Russell, Dent, and Son, Shephard, John
and Akimoto, Yamaki Nakatomo, and
Baptist.

For Macau, sra., for Manila —
Mr. MacKenzie and European servant, Mr.

J. B. Mc iloch, and 6 Chinese.

For Diamond, sra., for Shanghai —
2 Europeans and 30 Chinese.

For Pacific, sra., for Yap —
Mr. Holcombe.

For Tientsin, for East Coast —
Mr. Amy — Miss Ross and Mr. Aigard, and 50
Chinese.

TO DEPART.

For Norma, sra., for Swatow —
200 Chinese.

The following passengers will depart per P. &
O. Co.'s steamer EAGLE, to-morrow at noon —
From London — Mr. Southampton, Rev. S.
Frederick, B. M. G. — Mr. and Mrs. C. C.
Harris, Harry Mai, D. E. M. — Mr. and
James Crook. From Shanghai for Singa-
pore — Mr. Lowe, for Banan — 2 Chinese.
For Bombay — 1 Chinese, dock. From
Yokohama for Southampton — Mrs. Turner
Mrs. Gresor and two children. — Mr. W.
Robertson, for Venice — Mr. W.
Mills.

REPORTS.

The British steamship ALBION reports that
Rangoon, via Singapore, on 5th April, and had
fine weather.

The British steamship ALBION reports left
Touen on 17th April, and had fine weather
throughout.

The British steamship ALBION reports left
Singapore on 5th April, and had light N.E.
monsoon and thick weather throughout.

The Spanish steamship ENRIQUE reports left
Maula on 16th April, and had fine weather
and calm throughout.

The British steamship ALBION reports left
Newchawng on 5th April, and had light N.E.
monsoon and thick weather throughout.

The American bark HADDOON reports left
Eagle on 30th March. The first part of the passage
experienced heavy South-west gales; the latter
part the E.N.E. winds.

The German steamship CASSANDRA reports left
Manting on 18th April, and had fine weather
with light Easterly winds until 16th instant.
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The German steamship ALBION reports left
Chinkiang on 14th April, at half past two
o'clock p.m., and experienced rainy weather
and fresh N.E. monsoon to Tarkuan Island; from
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R. CHATTEERTON WILCOX
Daily Press Office, Hongkong, 1st January, 1878.

NOTICE.

A. S. WATSON, A. D. CO.,
FARMING AND DISPENSING
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By Appointment to His Excellency the
GOVERNOR and his Royal Highness the
DUKE of EDINBURGH,
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H. S. Sutcliffe has been set on the subject.

BRIEF.
On the 1st March, at Melville-ville, Woodford, Essex, the wife of E. T. Tresser, of a daughter.

On the 22d instant the wife of Captain M. Young, shipowner, Tiverton, of a daughter.

DEATH.
At Shanghai, on the 1st instant, Joaquin dos Anjos Xavier, aged 28 years.

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We would command the following circumstance to the notice of the Anglo-Oriental Society for the Suppression of the Opium Trade. In their trade circular, dated the 2d instant, Messrs. Evans Brothers, of Newchwang, state that the Taotai of that port has recently made a voyage to the provincial capital (Moukden) to ascertain the extent of the poppy growth, and that he is really alarmed at the loss of revenue consequent on the decrease in the "Indian imports." A petition is, therefore, to be addressed to the Emperor praying that the cultivation of the drug in those provinces may be stopped. It is, of course, notorious that the tax on the native is very much lower than that on foreign opium, and as the consumption of the home grown drug has largely increased, the revenue from opium has sensibly lessened. What the Government of Peking will say to this memorial, if presented, it is difficult to predict. To be consistent, it ought to order that forthwith all cultivation of the poppy in Manchuria shall cease, but Messrs. Bush suggest that the difficulty will not be by the tax on the native opium being raised. After the edict lately issued on the subject, however, the Government surely could not so study itself. But there is no saying what is the measure of Chinese inconsistency. The Chinese officials would know where to seek the equivalent of the revenue derived from opium, and they will be slow to do anything that will either damage the sale of the foreign drug or tend to stop the native production. Their interests all lie in the preservation of this remunerative trade, and they are not likely, in spite of all the memorials and edicts on the question, to lend their influence to suppress the practice of smoking. It would be as well for the anti-opium agitators in Great Britain to understand at once that the people and officials of China are not, as a whole, anxious to abolish the opium trade. Neither can they be persuaded that the habit of opium smoking is anything like so pernicious as the philanthropists at home, who have had no experience of it, would fain have their Celestial brother believe. As a matter of fact the people will not give up the practice, and the Authorities cannot afford to prohibit the import of the drug, even if they had the will. Past experience has convinced the mandarins that the suppression of opium smoking would be an exceedingly difficult matter, involving a great deal of labour and trouble, and there is no doubt that they vastly prefer pocketing the handsome revenue derivable from the sale of the drug to putting themselves to the trouble of trying to kick it. It is useless contending for an idea, and it would be far better for the Society to relinquish its mission before throwing away more money on a hopeless cause.

The London and China Express of the 8th ultimo throws out a suggestion which is well worthy of consideration by the Foreign Office. It draws attention to the fact that now Kashgar has practically been re-conquered by the Chinese there is some danger of the trade between British India and Kashgar being interfered with, and points out the need for a British Consul at Yarkand or Kashgar city to protect this trade. The late Ameer Yacoub Beg, did all he could to encourage commerce with India, and it was steadily increasing up to the time of that chieftain's death. Whether the Chinese will not consider it advisable to close the country to foreign trade is doubtful, they will probably prefer to reserve the Kashgar market for Chinese produce. The Chitro Convention, which still awaits ratification, might be so amended as to admit of the introduction of a clause providing for the recognition of the trading privileges conceded to British traders in India by Yacoub Beg, and for the appointment of a British Consul at Kashgar. Such an appointment would also be useful in a political sense, as the Consul might employ himself in keeping a watch on the movements of Russia in Central Asia, and perhaps be able to impose some check on Russian intrigue. The appointment would on all accounts be a most judicious one, and we trust that instructions will be given to Sir Thomas Wade to have it carried into effect. The Government of Peking, though not likely to approve of the appointment, now British Consul at Kashgar, would not, we think, offer any very strong opposition to it.

The Harbor Master's Department will be closed on Monday.

The British bark *Brizella*, Captain Haderton, left Newchwang for Hongkong on the 2d instant.

Yesterday being Good Friday, the Spanish Consul informed that their yards pealed and their flags at half-mast.

The British steamer *Mars* reports having taken a German bark showing QBPH on the 12th instant, sailing North-west.

The flag at the Spanish and French Consulates were yesterday down at half-mast on account of the being Good Friday.

Several began were taken before the Magistrate on Thursday, charged with mendacity, and were ordered to be sent to their native places.

The American brig *Wing-Well*, which we reported had discharged her entire cargo of Columbian Rice on the 7th February, was now down and reported at Westport.

Another very interesting letter from a correspondent at Pishan (the Rev. F. M. Madsen) not hitherto published, will be found in our account of the Great Tornado on the third page.

The Agents (Messrs. Butterfield and Swire) have been advised by telegram that the Ocean Steamship Company's steamer *Barbadoes* left Singapore on the 21st yesterday morning.

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The Superintendent of the Great Northern Telegraph Company informed us that the company's cable between Shanghai and Nagasaki is interrupted. The Great Northern remaining steamer at Shanghai was to proceed at once to the spot where the rupture was supposed to have taken place to effect the necessary repairs, and it is believed the interruption will be of short duration.

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As you will see, I have written my best for the great benefit I have derived by taking "Norton's Cannonball" I appeal to your Agent, Mr. Hall, Berkeley, for the return of the gun, as it is now of no use, having a fierce exciting pain for a length of time, which tends nearly every remedy prescribed, but with enduring every manner of trial. After taking two bottles of opium, I have been able to get some relief of pain, and I hope that this will be sufficient for the benefit of those who may thus be afflicted. I am, Sir, your truly, *Henry Alfreds*. To the Proprietors of Norton's CANNONBALL FIELD.

INSURANCES.

TRANSATLANTIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to accept Blisks against Fire at Current Rates, subject to a Bonus of 20 per cent.

Siemssen & Co.

Agents.

Hongkong, 16th November, 1872.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to GRANT POLICIES AGAINST FIRE to the extent of \$45,000 Dollars on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, at Current Local Rates, subject to a Discount of 20 %, on the premium.

Norton & Co.

Agents.

Hongkong, January, 1878.

THE SECOND COLONIAL SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF BATAVIA.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above Company, call SPECIAL ATTENTION OF SHIPPERS to the low rates of Premium charged for all steamer risks, besides which a Brokerage of TELLERY-THREE and a THIRD PER CENT. (33 1/3%) will be allowed on all risks in China, Japan, the Philippines, and the Straits. On risks to all other ports the Brokerage will be FIFTEEN PER CENT. (16%) only.

Siemssen & Co.

Agents.

Hongkong, 1st July, 1874.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two-thirds of the Profits are distributed and paid to the shareholders, and the balance is held in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

Olyphant & Co.

General Agents.

Hongkong, 17th April, 1873.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER AND SPECIAL ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL—\$22,000,000.

THE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of \$10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual rates, subject to a discount of Twenty per cent. (20%).

Gilmans & Co.

Agents.

Hongkong, 7th July, 1874.

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

HENRY B. HYDE, President. J. W. ALEXANDER, Vice-President. SAMUEL DOWNEY, Secretary. A. A. JONES, Jr., General Manager for China and Japan.

PRINCIPAL OFFICE—120, BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

ASSETS \$31,700,000.

SURPLUS 35,500,000.

The Undersigned, having been appointed Agents in Hongkong, China, for the above Company, are prepared to accept BLISKS at GREATLY REDUCED RATES and upon Terms very favourable to the Insured.

For full Information on Particulars, apply to *Olyphant & Co.* Agents.

Hongkong, 21st January, 1874.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE COMPANY, INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE FIRST.

A.D. 1720.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation, are prepared to grant Insurances as follows—

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates.

A discount of 20 % allowed.

LIFE DEPARTMENT.

Policies issued for sum not exceeding \$5,000, at reduced rates.

HOLIDAY, WISE & CO.

Hongkong, 26th July, 1872.

BATAVIA SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances as follows—

MARINE RISKS.

Policies issued at Current Rates, payable either here in London, or at the principal ports of India, Australia, and the East.

FOR BORROWERS OF TELLERY-THREE and ONE-THIRD PER CENT. will be allowed on all LOCAL RISKS.

FIRE RISKS.

Policies granted on First-class Buildings to an extent of \$30,000.

A DISCOUNT OF TWENTY PER CENT. (20%) upon the Current Local Rates will be allowed on all premiums charged for insurance; sum due being deducted at the time of the issue of Policy.

Russell & Co.

Agents.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1874.

FOR SALE.

SAYLOR & CO.

ARE NOW SHOWING THEIR
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